

Let's Talk:

The Côté Gold Project Community Newsletter

IAMGOLD proposes to construct, operate and eventually rehabilitate a new open pit gold mine in northeastern Ontario, near Gogama – the Côté Gold Project. The company is currently conducting engineering studies to further confirm and determine the technical and economic aspects of the Project as well as pursuing environmental approvals from both the Provincial and Federal governments. The company operates mines in Quebec, South America and West Africa. This is IAMGOLD's first proposed Ontario-based mine.

Côté Gold Project Update

Since our last newsletter (March 2013), IAMGOLD has been busy preparing submissions for the Federal and Provincial environmental assessments (EAs).

Federal EA Process

IAMGOLD submitted a Project Description to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) on March 15, 2013. The Agency used the Project Description to determine if a Federal EA is required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). Based on the Project Description, comments received during the 20-day comment period and the possibility that the Project could have the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Agency determined that a Federal EA is required and released a Notice of Environmental Assessment Determination to the public on May 13, 2013.

In May 2013, the Agency provided draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines for public review, which prescribe the scope of the Federal EA for the Project. Comments received on the draft EIS Guidelines will be considered before issuing the final EIS Guidelines to IAMGOLD. This comment period ended on June 12, 2013.



Côté Gold Project Location

Provincial EA Process

IAMGOLD entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment on May 3, 2013 to conduct a Provincial Individual EA for the Project. This is the most comprehensive type of EA that can be conducted in Ontario and is intended to cover all aspects of the Project.

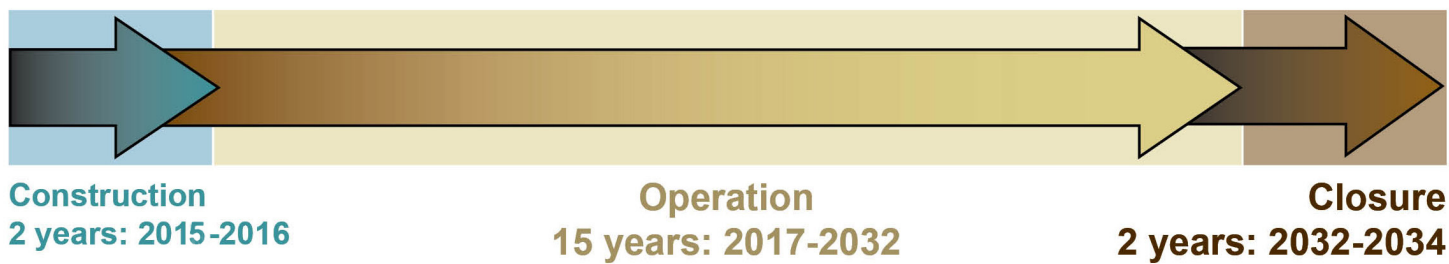
The first step in the Provincial process was to prepare a Terms of Reference (ToR). IAMGOLD voluntarily issued a Draft ToR on May 10, 2013 for a 30-day public review and comment period which ended on June 9, 2013. Accompanying the Draft ToR was the Record of Consultation. The Record of Consultation documents all engagement and consultation activities completed to date.

Comments received on the Draft ToR have been incorporated, as appropriate, into the Proposed ToR and Record of Consultation. Both documents were submitted in July 2013 to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. There is a government-led public review period that runs from July 19 to August 19, 2013. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA.



Proposed Project Schedule

Construction of the Project is expected to commence in early 2015, after the necessary environmental approvals and permits are complete. The proposed gold mine would begin operation in 2017.



Public and Aboriginal Consultation Activities

IAMGOLD has been and will continue to engage and consult with stakeholders, governments and Aboriginal groups on the Project and the EA.

IAMGOLD held open houses in May 2013 to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the Project and comment on the Draft ToR. The open houses were also a good way to meet Project representatives and discuss concerns, ask questions and learn more about what is happening at the Project site. Future community open houses are being planned.

If you were unable to attend one of the Project's open houses, and you want to discuss the Project with us, please contact us! Our contact details are on the back of the newsletter.

The open houses were held on:

- May 21, 2013 in Sudbury
- May 22, 2013 for members of Mattagami First Nation
- May 22, 2013 in Gogama
- May 23, 2013 in Timmins
- May 28, 2013 for members of Flying Post First Nation

What We Heard

Attendees at the open houses indicated that they look forward to having work and business opportunities in the region as a result of the Project. Attendees also identified concerns related to the potential impacts of the Project on water (quality and quantity), noise levels, fish and wildlife, land use, the location of Project components as well as visual impacts. IAMGOLD is taking the comments and concerns from our neighboring communities into consideration as part of the Project planning.



Gogama Open House, November 8, 2012

This summer, IAMGOLD will continue to conduct studies to understand and describe the local and regional environment which will be used to prepare the EA and make refinements to Project designs. Check out our fact sheet on the baselines studies under the Documents section on our Project website.

We are also preparing a Pre-Feasibility Study that will help us in our Project planning.

The Proposed ToR was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment in July 2013. There will be a 30-day public review and comment period. Watch for the Notice of Submission in local newspapers. Members of the public who have joined the Project Mailing List will receive the notice directly.

If you would like to be added to the Project Mailing List for future invites, please contact IAMGOLD. IAMGOLD looks forward to your continued participation!



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